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SUBJECT: ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGE AT MINISTRY FOREIGN TRADE.

1. VICE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE ION PATAN, DURING MEETING ON MARCH 23 TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT NEW DEPARTMENT WOULD BE ORGANIZED SOON WITHIN MFT. AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR NEW DEPARTMENT WOULD BE IN EXTERNAL ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS AND ALSO CONCERNED WITH COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS CONCLUDED WITH INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES. ACCORDING TO PATAN, OFFICERS WOULD BE ASSIGNED WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT TO OVERSEE AND MANAGE RELATIONS WITH INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS SUCH AS JOINT CO-PRODUCTION VENTURES, BARTER AND SALES AGREEMENTS, COOPERATION IN THIRD MARKETS AND SO ON. DEPARTMENT WOULD ALSO COORDINATE AND PROMOTE ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION AGREEMENTS. CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT WILL BE DEPUTY MINISTER RANK; PATAN SAID ION FLORESCU, FORMERLY OF MFT BUT FOR LAST SEVERAL MONTHS DEP MIN OF TOURISM, WILL BE NAMED TO HEAD NEW ORGANIZATION AND WILL ALSO SERVE AS SECRETARY FOR EACH JOINT COMMISSION. PATAN ALSO MENTIONED THAT EACH PRODUCTION MINISTRY

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WOULD HAVE A COMPARABLE DEPARTMENT REPORTING TO THE DEPUTY

MINISTER OF THAT MINISTRY CONCERNED WITH FOREIGN TRADE AND TO THE  
NEW DEPARTMENT IN MFT.

2. COMMENT: ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW DEPARTMENT WITHIN MFT UNDER  
DIRECTION OF DEP MIN POINTS UP IMPORTANCE PLACED BY GOR ON JOINT  
VENTURES, OTHER FORMS OF COOPERATION GOING BEYOND PURE TRADE, AND  
JOINT COMMISSION METHOD FOR ADVANCING ITS FOREIGN ECONOMIC AND  
COMMERCIAL POLICIES, AND IS EVIDENCE OF INCREASED EMPHASIS AND  
EFFORT ON FOREIGN SECTOR WHICH WAS SIGNALED IN 1974 YEARLY  
ECONOMIC PLAN. SINCE ROMANIA COMMITS VERY LARGE SHARE OF ITS  
TOTAL TRADE TO WESTERN NATIONS, COMPARED WITH OTHER EE COUNTRIES,  
IT IS RELATIVELY MORE VULNERABLE TO CYCLICAL FLUCTUATIONS IN  
WORLD MARKET. NEW INSTITUTIONS COULD BE DESIGNED TO PRODUCE A  
MORE EFFECTIVE ORGANIZATION AS HEDGE AGAINST IMPACT OF EXTERNAL  
EVENTS ON DOMESTIC ECONOMY.

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